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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: ANTICIPATED REFUGEE INFLUX FROM MOZAMBIQUE

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1. SUMMARY. GOS ANTICIPATES INFLUX OF SEVERAL THOUSAND PORTUGUESE-CITIZEN REFUGEES FROM MOZAMBIQUE IN NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. RESULTING SOCIAL PROBLEM WILL CAUSE GOS TO CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY IS SEEKING TO DETERMINE DIMENSIONS OF PROBLEM AND WILL ADVISE WHEN FURTHER INFO BECOMES AVAILABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. A.V. MAMBA, UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INFORMED CHARGE APRIL 20 THAT MEETING IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATED IN MAPUTO LAST WEEK (PARA 6 REFTTEL) WAS CONVENED BY MOZAMBICAN GOVERNMENT TO GET SWAZILAND AGREEMENT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTRADITION TREATY. MAMBA SAID GPRM WANTED ACTION ON THIS MATTER BECAUSE IT EXPECTS SOME OF THE PORTUGUESE-PASSPORT HOLDERS WHO ARE BEING ORDERED OUT OF MOZAMBIQUE BY SEPTEMBER 1977 WILL ENTER SWAZILAND AND WILL BRING WITH THEM PROPERTY WHICH THEY NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE OUT OF COUNTRY UNDER MOZAMBIQUE REGULATIONS. EXTRADITION TREATY WOULD ALLOW MOZAMBIQUE TO GET HOLD OF THOSE

REFUGEES AND PROSECUTE THEM FOR VIOLATION OF MOZAMBICAN LAW ON THIS POINT, AND PROBABLY ON OTHER POINTS IF GPRM WISHES. MAMBA SAID GPRM WANTED GOS TO AGREE ALSO TO RETURN REGUEES' GOOD AND VEHICLES TO MOZAMBIQUE.

3. MAMBA SAID SWAZILAND DELEGATION TO MAPUTO MEETING AGREED TO EXTRADITION FOR REAL CRIMINAL OFFENSES BUT NOT FOR POLITICAL-TYPE OFFENSES ENVISAGED BY GPRM AND MADE CLEAR THAT GOS NOT PREPARED RETURN REGUEES' GOODS AND VEHICLES. NEXT STEP IN PROCEDURE IS FOR GOS TO PREPARE OWN DRAFT TREATY ON THIS SUBJECT AND TO MEET WITH MOZAMBICANS IN ATTEMPT TO MERGE DRAFTS.

4. MAMBA SAID REFUGEES "WILL GET HERE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER," MEANING EITHER DIRECTLY FROM MOZAMBIQUE OR VIA SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID GOS AWARE IT FACES SOCIAL PROBLEM IN ACCOMMODATING WHAT COULD BE MANY THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES AS ESULT OF GPRM ACTION AGAINST CERTATIN PORTUGUESE-PASSPORT HOLDERS. HE ADDED THAT GOS WILL PROBABABLY CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL AGENCY ASSISTANCE AS IT DID IN THE CASE OF SOWETO REFUGEE INFLUX.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS SCHEDULED TRILATERAL MEETING WITH UNDP (IN CURRENT ABSENCE OF UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE) AND GOS TO DISCUSS DIMENSIONS OF ANTICIPATED PROBLEM AND GOS PLANS FOR MEETING IT. WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED.

5. FOR MAPUTO: SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTS INDICATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GPRM ACTION MAY AFFECT TEN TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND PERSONS WITH PORTUGUESE CITIZENSHIP. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO EMBASSY ABLE PROVIDE CONCERNING ETHNIC AND SKILLS BREAKDOWN OF THOSE LIKELY TO SEEK REFUGEE IN SWAZILAND, IN EITHER SHORT OR LONG TERM, AND CONCERNING TIMING OF EXODUS FROM MOZAMBIQUE.  
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